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**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

Applicant : Caplan, M. Examiner: Wessendorf, T.  
Serial No.: 09/247,406 Art Unit: 1627  
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For: METHOD FOR ALTERING UNDESIRABLE IMMUNE RESPONSES TO  
POLYPEPTIDES

Assistant Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, D.C. 20231

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**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

The present Preliminary Amendment is being submitted along with a Continued Prosecution Application Request Transmittal for the above-referenced case. Applicant respectfully requests entrance of the present Amendment into the case, and consideration of the following Remarks.

**Amendment**

**In the claims**

Please cancel all of the pending claims and replace them with the following:

89. A method comprising steps of:

providing a collection of mutant allergen genes that differ in sequence from a gene encoding a naturally-occurring allergen protein in that each of the mutant allergen genes contains one or more nucleotide deletion, addition, or substitution as compared with the gene encoding the naturally-occurring allergen protein;